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BEIRUT POUCH BAGHDAD. ATHENS FOOR INS.

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: KURDISH REFUGEES FROM IRAQ

REF: TEHRAN 3244

1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL SADRIEH INFORMALLY ADVISED DCM THAT GOVERNMENT OF IRAN CANNOT ISSUE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO KURDISH REFUGEES BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT IRANIAN NATIONALS. HE FELT, THEREFORE, THAT IT UP TO UNHCR TO DEAL WITH TRAVEL DOCUMENT ISSUE. WHEN QUESTIONED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR KURDS TRAVELING ON UNHCR LAISSE-PASSER TO RETURN TO IRAN IF IT ULTIMATELY DETERMINED THAT THEY NOT ELIGIBLE TO ENTER U.S., HE RESPONDED THAT ONCE THEY LEFT IRAN THEY WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN. ACCORDINGLY, IT APPEARS THAT GOVERNMENTS OF INFO ADDRESSEES WOULD BE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT REFUGEES FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRANCE PROCESSING.

2. THUS IT APPEARS ONLY POSSIBLE REMAINING OPTION IS
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FOR INS TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO IRAN FOR SECTION

203(A)(7) PROCESSING OF KURDISH REFUGEES.

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED OBTAIN FINAL REPLY FROM INS
AS TO WHETHER IT WILLING TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE HERE
FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE
TO ENABLE US TO GIVE UNEQUIVOCAL ANSWER TO APPROXIMATELY
FORTY REFUGEES WHO HAVE ALREADY INQUIRED RE POSSIBILITY
OF RESETTLEMENT IN U.S.
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